

Developmental Disabilities Principles

The goals of disability policy for individuals with developmental disabilities are:

- Equality of opportunity
- Full participation
- Independent living
- Economic self-sufficiency

To realize these goals we need to:

- Invest in home and community services that protect jobs, independence and stability.
- Develop short and long-term revenue growth options so that people who require publicly funded services are appropriately supported in the community.
- Ensure access to health care, self-determination and self-sufficiency.
- Include access for people who are unable to drive in planning transportation projects.

About the DD Council

The Council is directed by federal law to represent the interests of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in Washington State through advocacy, capacity building, and system change activities. Council members, who are appointed by the Governor, reside in Bothell, Brush Prairie, Covington, Everett, Grandview, Issaquah, Montesano, Puyallup, Shoreline, Snohomish, Spokane, Tacoma, Wenatchee and Woodinville.

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Developmental Disabilities Council*

2007 Legislative Agenda





Winning

The WAITING GAME

BUDGET REQUEST

EMPLOYMENT

Employment services to help people get and hold jobs

- Funding for 80% of '07-'09 graduates \$9.9 m
- Employment services for 400 individuals who are out of school \$3.6 m
- Leaving school with jobs pilot projects \$2.0 m

SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES

Residential services to assist people to live in their local communities and adequate safety nets in local communities to address crises.

- 130 people on Core Waiver, prioritizing individuals 40 years and older with aging parents \$8.3 m
- Expand number of new residential support options \$4.8 m

SUPPORTS TO FAMILIES

Family Support Services to assist families in the support of their sons and daughters

- 2,200 additional families receive Family Support* \$9.4 m
- Community Crisis respite—96 beds \$8.8 m
- Unfunded growth in B-3 services and county services during summer \$7.2 m

*Also a policy bill

PROVIDERS

Adequately paid work force to staff the programs state and federal dollars buy

- Residential providers funded to 68% parity with state workers doing the same tasks \$32.5 m

SYSTEM OVERSIGHT

Case management infrastructure and quality assurance mechanisms to support the system

- DD Ombudsman* \$1.2 m
- Community Protection legal services \$.5 m

DD ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND

Funding to match private contributions for the DD Life Opportunities Trust \$5.0 m

The DD Council will review and support legislative proposals according to federal law and Council policies and principles.

